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EYES ONLY FOR GENERAL NORSTAD

Quoted below text of letter signed today by President which, along with its enclosure, is being dispatched to you through the SHAPE Liaison Office.

BEGIN TEXT

Dear General Norstad:

Since receiving your letter of November 16 and its enclosure, "SACKEB's Instructions to SHAPE Planners," I have had these instructions studied by State and Defense in relation to our basic position paper, "U.S. Policy on Military Actions in a Berlin Conflict." This study has resulted in comments which I have approved and now enclose for your guidance in planning and in future relations with your NATO colleagues.

Secretaries Bush and McNamara will be in Paris next week and will want to talk over this matter with you. Please take full advantage of the presence of the Secretaries to give them the benefit of your views and to set forth any difficulties which you may anticipate in bringing our Allies to a full and sympathetic participation in our contingency preparations.

Sincerely,

/s/ John F Kennedy

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Enclosure:

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Although General Horstad's letter of 16 November in general takes into account your letter of 20 October with its enclosure, there are certain significant respects in which it diverges. The following paragraphs therefore expand somewhat on previous guidance concerning the nature and purpose of the several phases of the US preferred sequence of actions. These more detailed expressions of US policy should equip General Horstad to proceed with planning and with winning Allied support.

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In any case, the planning guidance General Norstad issues should serve both to stimulate the build-up of required forces and lead to the development of agreed Allied plans for the use of these forces in accordance with the sequence of military action set out in your letter of October 20.

/s/ Dean Rusk
Secretary of State

/s/ Robert S. McNamara
Secretary of Defense

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Copy to:
General Taylor
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